

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 23 as shown below:

The assembly 100 generally comprises a grommet 102, a valve stem 104, and a retaining nut assembly 106. The grommet 102 is generally snapped (i.e., inserted, pushed, popped, etc.) into an inflator hole in a wheel rim (described in more detail in connection with Figures 4, 5 and 7). The stem 104 is generally inserted through the grommet 102. The retaining nut assembly 106 generally threadably engages the stem 104 and retains the assembly 100 in the wheel rim where the valve stem and grommet assembly 100 is implemented (described in more detail in connection with Figures 3 and 8).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, at line 13 as shown below:

The annular section 134 generally projects radially outward from the surface of the base of the nose region 132. The grommet body 110 generally further comprises a substantially cylindrical section 136 having a diameter (e.g., D) and a length (e.g., T) along the axis 122, a first end that adjoins the annular section 134, and a second end that adjoins a flange section 138. When the grommet 102 is implemented without the annular seal 134, the cylindrical section 136 may be formed as a direct extension of the conical ~~section 132~~ section 132.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, at line 21 as shown below:

The TPM assembly 250 generally comprises a housing 252 and an adjustment nut 254. The TPM housing 252 generally comprises a base 260, an interface wall 262 and a recess (i.e., cavity, cut-out, etc.) 264. The base 260 may be mounted to the rim 220. The nut 254 is generally implemented to provide attachment of the valve stem 104 to the TPM housing 252 (i.e., the third threaded portion 180 of the valve stem 104 generally threadably engages the adjustment nut 254). In one example, the nut 254 may be further configured to provide angular adjustment (e.g., adjustment in an angular arc, ADJ) between the valve stem 104 and the housing 252. In another example (not shown), the valve stem 104 may be implemented having an alternative system (i.e., apparatus, assembly, etc.) and method for retaining the valve stem and grommet assembly 100 and the TPM monitor housing 252 instead of the nut

254. An example of such a system and method may be found in U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0087007 co-pending utility application Serial No. _____, filed _____ (attorney docket no. LEAR04140PUS), which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.